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TREASURY FOR SIMON PARTY/JPSMYTH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SIMON)

SUBJ: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIMON VISIT

REF: (A) USIA 14513; (B) STATE 143659, (C) STATE 146990

1. AS OUTGROWTH OF MEETING TODAY WITH FINANCE MINISTRY PRESS OFFICERS, SEVERAL MATTERS ARISE ON WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THINKING.

2. FINANCE MINISTER RABINOWITZ WILL DELIVER SHORT WELCOMING REMARKS IF RPT IF SECRETARY SIMON PLANS ARRIVAL STATEMENT. AS NOTED IN REFTEL (A), STATEMENT CAN BE DELIVERED ON TARMAC NEAR PLANE. WE RECOMMEND SHORT STATEMENT AND WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY NOTIFICATION IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO SECRETARY.

3. ISRAELIS HAVE NO DESIRE FOR JOINT BRIEFINGS OR NEWS CONFERENCE AND WE HAVE NOT ENCOURAGED ANY. WE SUGGEST SECRETARY HOLD NEWS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT TERMINAL BEFORE DEPARTURE JULY 18. WE ASSUME JOINT COMMUNIQUE WILL BE ISSUED TO PRESS SHORTLY BEFOREHAND.

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4. ISRAELIS HAVE OFFERED ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDER FOR TRAVELING PRESS BY SENIOR GOI ECONOMIST ON MORNING OF JULY 17. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE READING ON WHETHER PRESS WOULD WELCOME BRIEFING. IT COULD PROVE AWKWARD IF ONLY A FEW SHOW UP.

5. ISRAELIS HAVE GENEROUSLY OFFERED TO INCLUDE ALL TRAVELING PRESS IN RABINOWITZ LUNCH AND ALLON DINNER. WE HAVE ENCOURAGED THIS, BUT WOULD LIKE YOUR CONFIRMATION THAT THIS SUITS PARTY'S DESIRES BEFORE PLANS ARE MADE FINAL.

6. DURING DISCUSSION, WE RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT WORDING OF JOINT-COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN ROUGHED OUT BETWEEN ISRAELI EMBASSY AND TREASURY. IF SO, WOULD APPRECIATE A LOOK AT TEXT IN VIEW OF REFTELS B AND C.
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